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SUBJECT:INVITATION TO IRAN NOVIN PARTY CONGRESS

REFS: TEHRAN 10458; STATE 275772; TEHRAN 10755;

STATE 283428; TEHRAN 10977

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1. DEPARTMENT HAS JUST BEEN INFORMED BY DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE THAT COMMITTEE HAS RECONSIDERED ITS DECISION NOT TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE IRAN NOVIN PARTY CONGRESS IN TEHRAN JANUARY 11-13 AND HAS DESIGNATED MRS. DOROTHY BUSH, SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY, AS ITS REPRESENTATIVE. MRS. BUSH HAS BEEN CONTINUOUSLY ACTIVE IN NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY ACTIVITIES SINCE 1940. SHE SERVED AS A NATIONAL COMMITTEEWOMAN FOR THE YOUNG DEMOCRATS FROM 1941 TO 1950; AS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE YOUNG DEMOCRATS FROM 1943 TO 1948, DURING WHICH PERIOD SHE BECAME THE ONLY WOMAN TO HOLD THE POSITION OF ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE YOUNG DEMOCRATS; AND HAS SERVED AS SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE SINCE 1944.

MRS. BUSH WAS THE FIRST WOMAN TO SERVE IN THAT CAPACITY AND THE YOUNGEST PERSON EVER ELECTED TO THAT POSITION IN

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THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY. IN JULY 1972, MRS. BUSH WAS ELECTED

TO HER EIGHTH 4-YEAR TERM AS SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

2. MRS. BUSH WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HER HUSBAND, MR. JOHN BUSH, WHO IS NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE STATE PURCHASING OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF OLD JUDGE FOODS CORPORATION OF ST. LOUIS, AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION FROM 1961 TO 1972 AND CHAIRMAN OF THE ICC IN 1966.

3. ACCORDING TO DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE, MR. AND MRS. BUSH WILL ARRIVE TEHRAN THURSDAY JANUARY 9 AT 9:25 P.M. LOCAL TIME VIA PAN AM FLIGHT 110. DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE HERE ATTEMPTING TO GET IN TOUCH WITH IRANIAN EMBASSY TO COORDINATE ARRANGEMENTS. IN VIEW OF SHORT LEAD TIME, EMBASSY TEHRAN SHOULD ALSO NOTIFY PROPER AUTHORITIES IN IRAN NOVIN PARTY OF ATTENDANCE MRS. BUSH AT PARTY CONGRESS, SO THAT APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE. END UNCLASSIFIED

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4. FYI: IN RESPONSE TO TEHRAN 10977, WE ALSO ASKED THE CONGRESSIONAL LIAISON OFFICE IN THE WHITE HOUSE TO MAKE A FURTHER EFFORT TO PRODUCE A SUITABLE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO ATTEND THE IRAN NOVIN CONGRESS. WE HAVE NOT YET HAD A RESPONSE TO THIS INITIATIVE REGARDING A REPUBLICAN. KISSINGER

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